

Table 52. Selected Producer Characteristics: 2017 and 2012

[For meaning of abbreviations and symbols, see introductory text.]

Characteristics	2017 ¹				2012 ²	
	All producers (see text)	All principal producers (see text)	All non-principal producers (see text)	Primary producer (see text)	All operators	Principal operator
Producers number	64,742	53,063	11,679	40,592	63,269	43,223
Sex of producers:						
Male	42,541	38,670	3,871	31,792	44,895	37,809
Female	22,201	14,393	7,808	8,800	18,374	5,414
Hired managers (see text)	1,640	1,216	424	841	(NA)	1,030
Primary occupation:						
Farming	24,509	21,342	3,167	17,588	25,901	19,114
Other	40,233	31,721	8,512	23,004	37,368	24,109
Place of residence:						
On farm operated	48,791	40,515	8,276	31,157	48,313	33,570
Not on farm operated	15,951	12,548	3,403	9,435	14,956	9,653
Days of work off farm:						
None	24,355	20,468	3,887	16,747	24,012	16,775
Any	40,387	32,595	7,792	23,845	39,257	26,448
1 to 49 days	4,651	3,651	1,000	2,755	4,559	3,033
50 to 99 days	3,004	2,463	541	1,944	2,491	1,523
100 to 199 days	5,361	4,389	972	3,411	6,274	4,200
200 days or more	27,371	22,092	5,279	15,735	25,933	17,692
Years on present farm:						
2 years or less	4,112	3,073	1,039	2,181	2,710	1,425
3 or 4 years	6,163	4,754	1,409	3,421	3,932	2,205
5 to 9 years	9,793	7,690	2,103	5,608	10,283	6,195
10 years or more	44,674	37,546	7,128	29,382	46,344	33,398
Years operating any farm (see text):						
5 years or less	10,744	8,132	2,612	5,781	(NA)	(NA)
6 to 10 years	8,847	6,918	1,929	5,101	(NA)	(NA)
11 years or more	45,151	38,013	7,138	29,710	(NA)	(NA)
Age group:						
Under 25 years	1,076	495	581	282	960	231
25 to 34 years	3,866	2,793	1,073	1,979	3,619	1,814
35 to 44 years	6,808	5,260	1,548	3,791	7,225	4,289
45 to 54 years	12,362	9,997	2,365	7,288	13,551	8,683
55 to 64 years	17,374	14,287	3,087	10,838	17,790	12,379
65 to 74 years	15,623	13,374	2,249	10,615	13,520	10,265
75 years and over	7,633	6,857	776	5,799	6,604	5,562
Average age	58.0	59.0	53.4	59.8	57.2	59.3
Young producers (see text)	5,484	3,701	1,783	2,517	(NA)	(NA)
Producers of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin	566	453	167	326	483	332
Producers by race:						
American Indian or Alaska Native	768	608	160	456	787	488
Asian	139	109	30	83	121	67
Black or African American	4,140	3,537	603	2,885	3,763	2,779
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	17	16	1	8	14	2
White	59,062	48,279	10,783	36,753	58,103	39,586
More than one race reported	616	514	102	407	481	301
Military service (see text):						
Never served	56,476	45,501	10,975	34,291	(NA)	(NA)
Served	8,266	7,562	704	6,301	(NA)	(NA)
Number of persons living in producers' households (see text)	121,488	109,559	11,929	88,162	123,271	104,571
On farm involvement in decisionmaking (see text):						
Day-to-day decisions	56,352	49,648	6,704	39,205	(NA)	(NA)
Land use and/or crop decisions	47,417	42,410	5,007	34,074	(NA)	(NA)
Livestock decisions	44,897	39,798	5,099	31,916	(NA)	(NA)
Record keeping and/or financial management	48,905	43,025	5,880	34,591	(NA)	(NA)
Estate planning or succession planning	36,056	32,052	4,004	25,301	(NA)	(NA)

¹ Data were collected for a maximum of four producers per farm.

² All operator data are for a maximum of three operators per farm; principal operator data are for one operator per farm.